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In re Application of :
Srinivas Bollepalli :
Application No. 10/786,652 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: February 25, 2004 :
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182, filed, October 20, 2006, to change the name of inventor "Bollepalli Srinivas" to – Srinivas Bollepalli – and citizenship from India to the United States of America.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Office records have been updated to reflect the inventor's change of name and citizenship. A corrected Filing Receipt, which reflects the inventor's changes, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210. Any questions concerning the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1751 for processing.


Irvin Dingle
Petition Examiner
Office of Petitions

ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Applicant(s)

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Power of Attorney: None

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 10/445,074 05/23/2003
 which claims benefit of 60/382,665 05/23/2002

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 05/14/2004

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/786,652**

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Title

Sulfonated conducting polymer-grafted carbon material for fuel cell applications

Preliminary Class

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